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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By RON HILL

I would like to thank the membership of YACO for giving me the opportunity to be President for the year of 1986. With the slate of officers that have been chosen to work for YACO for the year, I am sure we can have a very productive year with a lot of good times and fun for all members, young and old.

We will have a Calendar of Events for the year. It has to be presented to the membership at our February 2nd meeting for approval or rejection. If approved, it will be published in the KALIFORNSKI.

We are going to pro-rate all membership dues this year. In January of 1987, all membership dues will be due and payable. We will also send membership cards each year.

Well, with liability insurance permitting, we should have a very good year.

Thank you again for your vote of confidence.

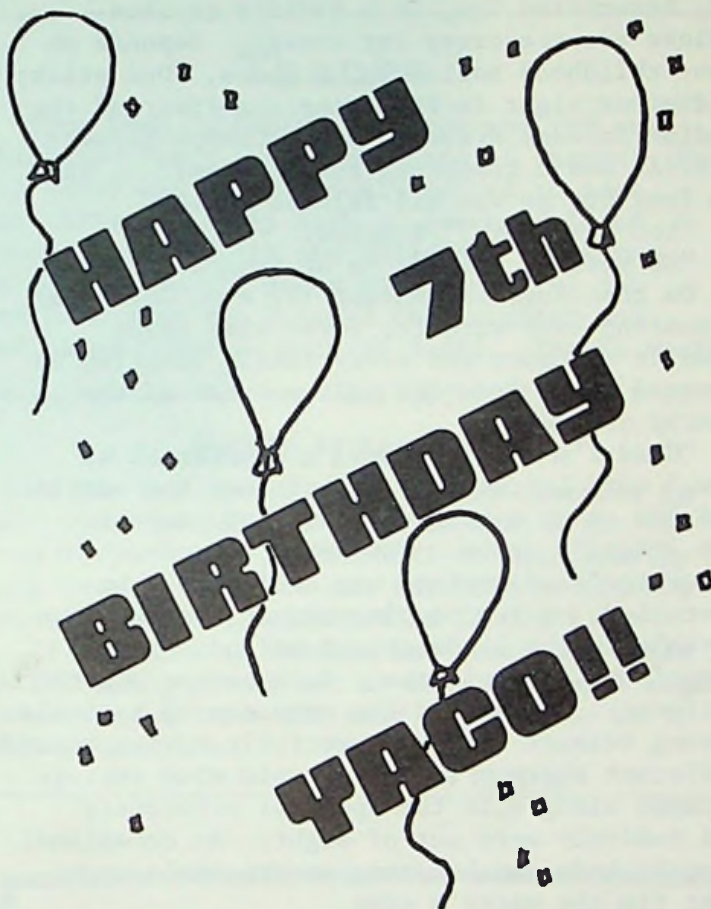
Sincerely

Ron

### No Paper?

If someone you know is not receiving the KALIFORNSKI, please let us know. We publish this for you the membership and we would like each of you to have the opportunity of keeping in touch with YACO and what is happening. Please don't hesitate to call us at 724-1731 after 6 p.m. or write and let us know that you haven't received an issue or more.

----- THE EDITOR -----\*\*\*\*\*



## FEB. PROGRAM

WHEN: SUNDAY - FEB. 2, 1986  
7:00 p.m.

WHERE: VFW HALL  
1960 Freedom Boulevard  
WATSONVILLE CA 95076

WHO: ALL YACO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

PROGRAM: General business meeting -  
Entertainment and Refreshments

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# Spotlight

(This is the second part of an article submitted to me by STEVE BELICK entitled "THE HVAR SIDE OF PARADISE", by NAOMI BARRY (From HOUSE & GARDEN - Oct. '85)

## PART II:

In the resorts of France and Italy August 15, Assumption Day, is a holiday to shun . . . unless you are crazy for crowds. Depends on your childhood nostalgia, I guess. One sticky midsummer night in Paris the chauffeur of the Indian Embassy drove me up to Champs-Elysees. Traffic was a bumper-to-bumper crawl. I was in fret but he was all relaxed smile.

"You like this?" I asked.

"Oh yes. It reminds me of Benares."

On this Yugoslav August 15, even Jelsa was a roaring bash with the local wine going down in cascades and every family feasting on roasted lambs from the salt marshes of the nearby islands.

"Glad I'm not in town. I'd be drunk by now," said Lovrenko as he unloaded the supplies and led us up a path designed for goats to his friend's grove. But here, so conveniently close to Jelsa, nature was deliciously undisturbed. A few people, widely spaced, gave scale to the landscape of islands jutting out of the tranquil sea. Each became a star performer. I watched the progress of a single strong swimmer far out powerfully moving toward a distant shore. Three intrepid wind surfers skimmed along with the speed of motorboats and suddenly were out of sight. An occasional shapely body lay bronzing on the table rocks that rim the water's edge.

These Southern Slavs can be stummingly beautiful and splendid legs are the norm. Down on the Jelsa rocks we had gotten to know Lydia, a long-limbed naiad with golden-biscuit skin. Dressed, she is a judge in Zagreb.

"Surprised me," said Dan. "Thought she was a model."

Lovrenko ushered us into a clearing carpeted with pine needles that felt like velvet under bare feet and enclosed within a low parapet of rocks. A honeymoon salon for a nymph and a faun. Their clever exterior decorator had used a circle of stone outcroppings as stools around the altar-grill. The sunlight dappling through the pines sighed, "Manet come back for me now."



With the respect you give someone else's house, Lovrenko shinnied up a tree and hacked off a branch that hung too low over the grill for its own good. He then concentrated on lunch, working with the dexterity of a professional chef.

Lovrenko had definite ideas of what constituted an Illyrian picnic, dismissing all fresco pasta of the Italians as unsuitable. Funny how Illyria suggests Elysium. It was that kind of a picnic. Serried rows of silvered mackerel grilled over the fire. A half-dozen pork chops per person to compensate for the lamb chops monopolized by the residents of Jelsa. The rosemary to flavor the meat was there for the picking in the woods.

Rounding out the substantial were sun-ripened tomatoes, green salad, and thirst-quenching watermelon. Wine of Hvar was passed from hand to hand in the large wooden beaker that is a staple in every island household. When mouth could munch no more, we stretched out to read and slumber until it was time for a wake-up swim in the divine water.

Lovrenko had established his point. If he had opted for a big-money country, what would he have had? A good job. And if he were careful with his pay, in a few years he could afford to return here for a short vacation. Why bother? (Continued next month)





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## Features

THE OSTROG MONASTERY  
by  
IRENE STRAZICICH

This monastery is perched like an eagle's nest on the face of a steep rock 800 yards above sea level. Here in the mountains one would find solitude, a place to find peace and serenity far from the work and turmoil of every day life. The monastery has a bell tower, a bit of whiteness against the gray rock background. It was actually built in a space carved out of the rock. It became a symbol of resistance and struggle.

It was built about 1670 and has guided Montenegrins and many Hertzegovians in their struggle to protect their freedom for these 300 years. How many times have men with swords and rifles gathered near the monastery to plan battles for their freedom?

Besides this, the Ostrog Monastery has been a center for cultural pursuits in the past centuries. Often it was used for secular and religious schools. Until the last war it contained a valuable collection of documents from earliest times, but many of these were destroyed during the war.

An important event occurred in February 1942. A decision was made in the name of the people of Montenegro and Baka to set up the Ostrog Assembly. It would establish bodies of the people's government, committees to carry on the struggle against occupying forces and the quislings. In this way the monastery has played an important role in the history of the Montenegrin people.

The outside of the monastery is not so outstanding, but it contains some frescoes which are very impressive. The author Dusan Boskovic says, "Raised on a site reserved for birds and mountain goats, its tower soaring into the clouds, it is a forciful reminder of man's eternal yearning for freedom, and of his triumph, too."

(YUGOSLAV REVEIW 1976)

## Thanks

From EMME COLENDICH, Chairperson for our Christmas Party comes this note of thanks: To all those who so generously helped to make our Christmas Party such a successful and happy event for all the children, thank you so much! You all did such a wonderful job and I am sure you enjoyed the laughter and and happy faces as much as I did. Thanks again!

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## MOVING

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# HARMONIJA



HARMONIJA CAPERS  
By NAIDA NICHOLAS

( Harmonija will be practicing much of this coming month and NAIDA NICHOLAS thought you might enjoy reading this delightful story written by her cousin, NEDA JANKOVIC at age 14. The story was written about 35 years ago as a school composition.)

NAIDA writes: Although Neda went to school in England, her summer months were spent in Bakarac, Hrvatsko Primorje. While rummaging through a box of letters and memorabilia, I came across this short short essay written by her and her Grandmother sent it to us. The story follows:

## A PLACE I KNOW

On the north Adriatic coast lies a little village, in a littly bay, the village of Bakarac. It is marked only on a large detailed map, for it consists of no more than fifty houses. For years now, my family have spent holidays there, in the cottage of my great-grandmother.

And so one summer, as every other, my grandmother and I started by train from Belgrade. When we reached the top of the hill overlooking the bay, the view was perfect. We could see the rather ugly gray town underneath us in shadow, and across the bay, bathing in the sunshine, our little village. It was hard to decide which was blier - the sea, dotted with little white sails, or the sky in which here and there a feathery cloud wandered.

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Bakarac was too small to have a station, and as we came off the train we saw our good neighbours, a fisherman and his daughter, waiting to take us in their rowing boat, home across the bay. We exchanged a few words with them, but for the rest of the journey there was silence - not an awkward silence, however, for the simplicity, peace and beauty of everything around us, and the quiet lapping of the water against the oars, was more than enough. As we sat breathing in the clear sea air, once again we felt that contented feeling of coming back to something to which we were very dearly attached.

I watched Bakarac as we slowly neared it. How friendly it looked, with its bright red roofs and different-coloured window frames, with its proud church steeple rising in the middle, and the row of little boats tied to the wall. Above it rose a little pine forest, and all the rest was bare clean rocks. Many a time on our holidays we have gone out on the the quay, or, as the villagers more elegantly preferred to call it, the "promenade", and danced to the music of the accordion and the guitar.

Those were happy days! Very recently, however, the last possessors of the little cottage, my great-grandmother, died. Money was badly needed, and the cottage was sold. Now it's all over. If we went there we should probably find that things had been modernized and changed, and the change would hurt us. Besides, without the cottage, we should not feel that we belonged there, so we shall never go there again.

NEDA JANKOVIC age 14

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## VESELI SELJACI NEWS

by Nancy Bjeletich

NANCY BJELETICH called me a few days ago to say that VESELI is quite active of late but that due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no article for this month. She will be in touch soon. In the meanwhile, let's put up the sign that says, "GONE FISHING" -----

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(A PLACE I KNOW continued)

Today NEDA is married and has two daughters of her own. She lives in Maribor in Slovenia and commutes quite often to London. Maribor is on the border of Austria and Yugoslavia. NEDA is a language instructor and also a talented pianist. Her mother lives in Wimbledon still.

THANK YOU NAIDA NICHOLAS for sharing such a lovely and enjoyable story with us. I am sure all of our readers will enjoy it as a fine piece of yesteryear!

## News

Did you know that SINOVI puts out a really great monthly newsletter (or newspaper)? Well they do and it's entitled "CHICAGO "SON" - TIMES. It is a Gornick-Kirin-Creskovich Publication and is so well written that you can't help but enjoy it all the way through! If you would like more information about this Great paper, write to:

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KAY SCHOENECK  
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## LETTERS

From KAY SCHOENECK comes this note:

"Have been receiving my Kalifornski every month. Really enjoy it!

Thank you.

(Thank you Kay for letting us know. It's always appreciated. ---- THE EDITOR)

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## COOKING



From PEGGY MORRISON comes this note with two delicious recipes: "Here are two traditional Christmas recipes from my grandmother, ANNA GILEVICH RADMAN."

I am so sorry to be so late in publishing this, but I just received your note Peggy. Both of the recipes are for persimmons and sound delicious. I will print one this month and the other next month.

### PERSIMMON FRUIT CAKE

Mix together: 2 c. flour  
2 c. sugar  
2 tsp. baking soda  
3 tsp. baking powder

Then add this: 1 c. milk  
3 tbsp. melted butter  
2 tsp vanilla

Mix well and then add 2 c. persimmon pulp. Well-ripened persimmons should be used.

Mix together and then mix in:  
1 c. raisins

1 c. chopped dates  
2 c. glazed fruit mix  
2 c. nuts  
1 c. flour

After all is well-mixed, bake in 2 well-lined loaf pans for 1-1/2 hours at 350° degrees.

ENJOY!!!! (Next month - Persimmon Cookies)

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

(This report was received from Michael Castelan our past Treasurer for the YACO Christmas Dinner)

Liquor License	\$ 25.00
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# Potpourri

By BABE BRAUTOVICH HILL

Elections are over. Many good wishes to the new slate of officers . . . Good thoughts and positive energies to JOHN SIEN. (Keep this under your hat. He broke his arm falling from a skateboard) . . . LENA DERPICH had a slight mishap with her auto. Sure hope all is well. I understand she wasn't hurt . . . Did you see the advert in the Register Pajaronian? "Country home 300 sq. meters, cultivated grounds. Call owner Dubrovnik 011-38-50-20954. The home is in Orasac." . . . I was talking to MARY FARRIS the other evening and among other goodies (kupus) she gave me this info: ERNIE'S Continental Deli & Imports, 8400 8th Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90305, (213) 752-1002. She orders Prosek and extract from them, So I called and placed an order. "It will be delivered by UPS on Friday," he said. I will let you know . . . MEMERS! Where are you? Membership seems to be falling off. Maybe a couple of potlucks will bring you in. Let's hope so . . . Harmonija was "featured" in Saratoga on Saturday the 11th. Also, I understand Harmonija may be cutting a record. Isn't that great? Your doing marvelous things MARLENE! Keep it up . . . I have two records donated to me by BILL MAJERLE from Greyko Recording Co. in San Jose. They will be raffled on February 22 at the Kupus Dinner. Thanx BILL . . . FAMILIAR FACES: M/M NICK DERPICH, NICK, DONA & MIKE CASTELAN, JOHN & LUCE BASOR, M/M A. GULERMOVICH, STELLA LUCICH, GERI HEEBNER, IRENE STRAZICICH, ANN BACKOVICH, NAIDA NICHOLAS, MARY GIZDICH, ELLA KORACH, M/M PETE CERNOKUS, M/M JERRY GOSPODNETICH, M/M ANTONE BASICH, JOHN BISKUP and PAT SOLANO. See you next month

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## NEW DEADLINE

A new DEADLINE has been set for the 10th of each month so that we might get the paper out even earlier. It seems that our members out of Watsonville are not receiving their KALIFORSKI early enough to plan on attending any of our programs. Members in Watsonville receive their copies at least two days after mailing so it seems to be a problem with a hold up at the post office. If I don't have the information in time, I will not be able to publish it until the next issue. REMEMBER to send me any information by the 10th of each month.



## LETTERS

From MILLIE NOSICH RICHARDS of Seattle,  
Washington comes this cheery note:

Dec. 29, 1985

Dear Patricia:

Thank you very much for the nice write-up.

Every one in my family got a copy. -  
Also all of my friends.

I'll write when I get back from Eugene &  
tell you all about it. -

Sretna Nova Godina!!

Sve Najbolje,

Millie

See you in '87 at San Jose. Ako Bog Da!!  
(This relates to the article entitled  
"Spotlight" in our December issue. Millie  
was going to Bartolovic Family's Jugoslav  
Cultural Bank Extravaganza (their Third)  
in Eugene, Oregon on January 4, 1986.  
It sounded like Great Fun and we'll all  
await that report from MILLIE! )

(This letter was received from Susan B. Ober  
after a telephone conversation that we had  
a few days earlier. The content of her letter  
is quite interesting and I am sure that many  
of our readers will be interested in this  
worthwhile project.)

Jan. 9, 1986

Dear Patricia:

It was really nice talking with you this  
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# OF INTEREST

This article was sent to me by YACO Treasurer WALTER ZUROWSKI. It was printed in the Polish newspaper, STRAZ - Jan. 1986 - ROK (Vol.) 90).

## WHO ARE THE SLAVS?

It is said that one in every 20 Americans is of Slavic origin, that one in every three Europeans is a Slav.

By origin, the Slav are Europeans. On the map, their sphere in Europe today stretches in the west, to the same Elbe-Macklenburg-Triest line where they were more than a thousand years ago. At that time, barbarians, like their western neighbors were loosely-organized tribes, whereas today - to name them all, the Russians, Ukrainians, Belorussians (the Eastern Slavs, some 160-million people), Poles, Czechs, Slovaks, Lusatians (the western Slavs, more than 45-million), Slovenes, Croats, Serbs, Bosnians, Montenegrins, Macedonians and Bulgarians (the southern Slavs, some 28-million) are part of a complex multinational society in which each has its own pattern of more than a millenium of history and culture.

Since the post-World War II alignment of Eastern Europe, they are divided into five states, of which three are federal (USSR, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia) and two non-federal (Poland and Bulgaria).

Since 1945, they are, for the first time in recorded history, united not in an all-Slavic Empire - but in a world of the new socialist order of Eastern Europe, in which they are numerically preponderant and politically dominant. Hence, their significance and potential role in the world is tomorrow.

What distinguishes the Slavs from other families of nations is their language. There is a fundamental similarity between their spoken and written word, which has remained the strongest bond among them. Their closeness in speech and ability to understand each other have created emotional and spiritual links between the Slavic nations in their homeland, as well as in their new settlements in foreign lands.

On the other hand, the differences between

Slavic written languages developed during the past two centuries, has become the strongest factor in their divergent cultural evolution.

Today, ever single Slavic nation possesses its own literary language, its own sophisticated literature, its own culture.

It is this multiformity of the Slavic world, based more on differences than resemblances, which makes so intriguing the predicating of the unity of Slavic peoples today, and every pondering about their destiny in the future.

Slavic American Cultural Association

(Thank you WALTER for sharing this very interesting article with us. STRAZ always seems to have the most interesting news and information and we are always happy to be able to share it with our members.)

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## News

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE is coming back. We'll have further information about it in the next issue and will discuss it at the next YACO meeting.

RON has arranged for a DESSERT CHAIRPERSON and we'll be announcing more about that very soon.

A LOT OF NEW THINGS ARE COMING UP SO STOP --- LOOK --- and LISTEN. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, don't hesitate. This is YOUR organization and our ears are always ready to listen.



# JOIN US TODAY

We earnestly invite you to join the YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN CULTURAL ORGANIZATION established in 1979.

We are a non-profit, non-political, and non-religiously oriented organization, and our main purpose for coming together was to simply bring the various members of the Slavic community at large together for their mutual cultural enjoyment.

We are very proud to have among our members, Yugoslav-Americans whose families came from the many different regions and republics of today's Yugoslavia. We also have many members who are non-slavic but enjoy, appreciate and support the slavic culture and its vast richness.

Our goals are as we mentioned before, ONLY to promote a cultural awareness and appreciation of our heritage as well as to bring Slavs and non-slavs together in a social and cultural atmosphere.

Our programs include folk dances from all regions of Yugoslavia as well as slides and movie presentations, history lectures, folk singing (we have a singing group called "HARMONIJA" who perform not only for YACO functions, but celebrate marvelous performances for many other groups both locally and out of the city), language instruction, and other various cultural activities.

Won't you consider joining us for a good time as well as a very informative experience? All memberships include the receipt of this paper, THE KALIFORNSKI each month to keep you informed of YACO's activities and other informative news.

The nicest people belong to YACO and you'll be among them once you join.

Our dues are as follows:

Single membership .....\$12.00

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Children under 18 included in Family Membership.

# ATTENTION:

THE KALIFORNSKI is your publication. If there is anything in particular that you would like to see in any future issues, please don't hesitate to contact me. If you have any subjects relating to Yugoslav heritage or about Yugoslavs, here or abroad, that you would like to see published in our newsletter, please let me know. I would appreciate your cooperation in publishing this newsletter each month. Any questions or suggestions, contact me:

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## SUGGESTED TOPICS:

1. Trips by YACO members.
2. Visitors from the Old Country.
3. Newspaper or magazine articles about Yugoslavia or Yugoslavs, local or abroad.
4. Weddings, anniversaries, graduations, birth announcements, or special celebrations by YACO members.
5. Civic or cultural contributions by Yugoslavs.
6. Yugoslav recipes.
7. Yugoslav songs, poetry or stories.
8. Special family traditions for holidays, etc.
9. Yugoslav stories for children.
10. Anything you think might be of interest to YACO members.

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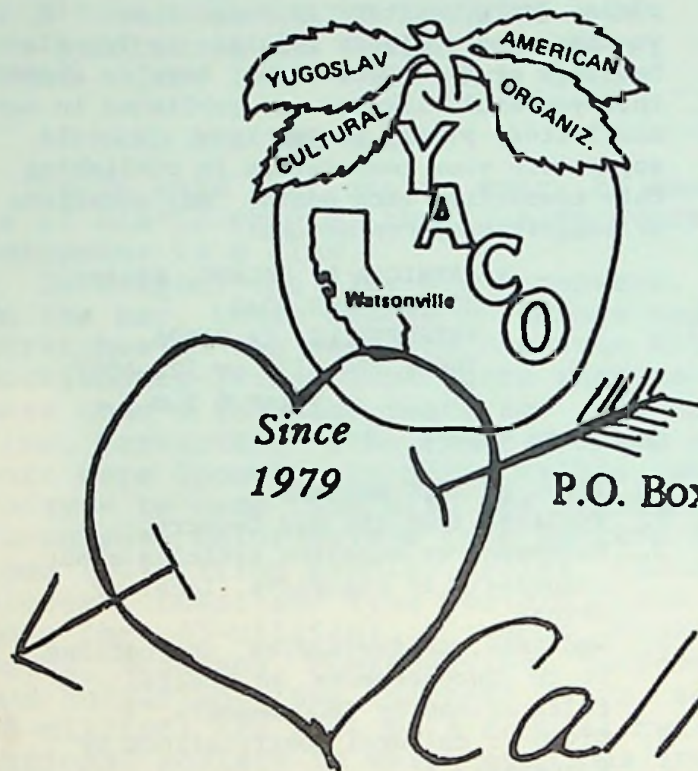


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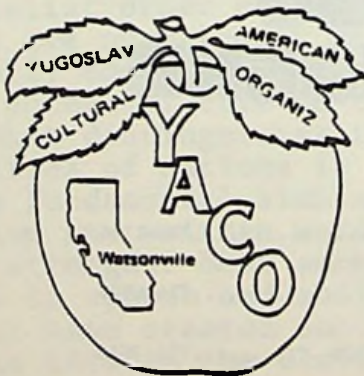
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